

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 9:15 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
Third Floor – Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

I. Minutes

Review and approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2014 meeting.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH

B. Examination Update

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant

III. Office Of Licensure Regulation And Compliance

IV. New Business

V. Additional Agenda Items

VI. Examination Appeals

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and have not yet been adopted by the board.

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on Monday December 8, 2014, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor, Conference Room "C", Hartford, CT.

Board Members Present: René "Skip" Rivard, LO, Chairperson
Albert Winnick, LO
Donna K. Bojus (Public Member)

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist/Board Liaison, DPH; Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH; Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH; Deborah Brown, DPH Health Program Assistant; Alfreda Gaither, Esq., Staff Attorney, Hearing Office, DPH.

Chairperson René Rivard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. Minutes -
 - A. Motion to accept minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2014. **Motion: Winnick; Second, Bojus.** Motion Passed, 3:0.
- II. Department of Health Updates
 - A. Investigations Update - *Gary Griffin, Practitioner, Investigation Unit, DPH*
 1. Mr. Griffin reported three cases are under investigation. There is one new case.
 - B. Examination Update- Deborah Brown.
 1. Results from the Fall licensing exam were recently completed. Candidates will be notified of results within the week.
- III. Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance
 - A. ELO Optical - Petition No. 2013-873 - *Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney*
 1. At its meeting on September 15, 2014, the Board rejected the above referenced stipulated Consent Order which contained a reprimand and a civil penalty of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00). The order was returned with a recommended civil penalty of thirteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$13,600.00)
 2. As consul for the Department, Attorney Allen supports the proposed settlement and requests that the Board reconsider the proposed Consent Order.
 3. Representing the respondent was Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson (Danaher Lagnese, PC, Hartford, CT). Also representing the respondent, ELO Optical, were Edward Osborn, MD and Ms. Deborah Osborn, former practice manager.
 4. After considerable discussion by all interested parties, the Board agreed to the previously proposed settlement offering a reprimand and a civil penalty of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00). **Motion: Winnick; Second, Bojus.** Motion Passed, 3:0.

IV. New Business

A. Correspondence - Ohan Karagozian

1. Mr. Karagozian, present at the meeting, submitted a series of detailed questions to the Board in a letter dated March 24, 2014. He requested a written reply to each question. Discussion followed and conclusions were made that answers to every question could be found within the Statutes and DPH Regulations as they pertain to Opticianry. A motion was made not to respond in writing to the questions. **Motion: Winnick; Second, Bojus.** Motion Passed, 3:0.

B. Schedule Meeting Dates

1. Meeting dates FYE 2015 were set.
 - a. March 10, 2015
 - b. May 18, 2015
 - c. September 15, 2015
 - d. December 8, 2015.

V. Additional Agenda Items

A. None

VI. Examination Appeals

A. None

Adjournment:

Motion: Bojus, Second: Winnick Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



René R. Rivard
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians